

at least the transparent body, the semi-transparent body and the diffusion layer defining a planar light emitter, and
a light source disposed at least at one side of the planar light emitter.

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2. (Amended) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, further comprising
a second transparent body having a second transparent synthetic resin layer containing no light scattering material,
wherein the first mentioned semi-transparent body is interposed between the first mentioned transparent body and the second transparent body.

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3. (Amended) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, further comprising
a second transparent body made of a second transparent synthetic resin layer containing no light scattering material;
a second semi-transparent body made of a second semi-transparent synthetic resin layer containing a light scattering material;
a second diffusion layer, the second transparent body and the first mentioned semi-transparent body being joined to form the second diffusion layer therebetween; and
a third diffusion layer, the second semi-transparent body and one of the first mentioned transparent body and the second transparent body being configured to be joined to form the third diffusion layer therebetween.

4. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 1, further comprising a table, the planar light emitter being disposed on the table.
5. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 4, wherein the table includes a surface, the transparent body being disposed on a side of the surface to illuminate a portion of the surface.
6. (Amended) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the planar light emitter includes a planar light emitter having a rod shape, at least a portion of the semi-transparent body being disposed at a cross section of the planar light emitter having the rod shape.
7. (Amended) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light source comprises an LED.
8. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 7, further comprising a meter having an element, the element being formed by the planar light emitter.
9. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 8, wherein the element of the meter includes a pointer.
10. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 8, wherein the element of the meter includes a dial.

11. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 8, wherein the element of the meter includes at least one of a pointer and a dial.

12. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 8, wherein the LED includes two or more colors to control a light to be emitted from the element of the meter.

13. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 7, further comprising a step for a vehicle, the step including the planar light emitter.

14. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 13, wherein the planar light emitter includes a rectangular flat plate shape, the transparent body being disposed on a side of the step to illuminate a portion of a door of the vehicle.

15. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 7, further comprising a sound illumination device, the sound illumination device including the planar light emitter.

16. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 15, wherein the planar light emitter includes a ring plate shape, the LED being configured to emit light based on sounds.

17. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 7, further comprising a stick lamp, the stick lamp including the planar light emitter.

18. (Amended) The light emitting device according to claim 17, wherein the transparent body includes a tubular shape, the transparent body being disposed on an outer periphery of the stick lamp.

Kindly add the following new claims:

--19. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the planar light emitter comprises a flat shape.

20. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the diffusion layer includes a sea-islands structure, the sea-islands structure having a plurality of solid shapes.

21. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of solid shapes include a plurality of irregular solid shapes.

22. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of irregular solid shapes include a plurality of irregular solid shapes having a plurality of branches that get into the transparent body.

23. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the diffusion layer includes a plurality of solid shapes uniformly arranged on the entire diffusion layer.

24. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 2, wherein the first mentioned transparent synthetic resin layer includes the second transparent synthetic resin layer.

25. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light scattering material contained in the semi-transparent synthetic resin layer includes a first synthetic resin having a first refractive index and a second synthetic resin having a second refractive index.

26. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 25, wherein the first refractive index equals the second refractive index.

27. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light scattering material contained in the semi-transparent synthetic resin layer includes a first synthetic resin having a first refractive index and a second synthetic resin having a second refractive index, and

wherein a mix of the light scattering material and the semi-transparent synthetic resin layer forms the plurality of solid shapes uniformly arranged on the entire diffusion layer.

28. (New) The planar light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the transparent body and the semi-transparent body are thermally joined to form the diffusion layer therebetween.--